

## **Council on Aging Board Meeting Minutes**

July 12, 2006

### **In Attendance:**

Chairman Paul Keegan, Vice-Chairman Helene Tanenholtz, board members Lillian Goodman, Martin Green, Tim Swiss, and Secretary John Concordia. Director Sharon Yager was also present. Board member Helen McLaughlin was excused.

### **1. Chairman's Comments:**

The Chairman opened the meeting at 10:10 am. Minutes of the June 14, 2006 meeting was reviewed, several minor revisions were made and the report then accepted by the board. Paul indicated that letters of appreciation had been sent to the Firefighters and the Selectmen for their efforts on behalf of the senior center. He and Sharon have corresponded with the WRTA requesting some compensation for our use of the third van in handling disabled riders. Preliminary indications are that we may receive some consideration from the WRTA. A "Record" publication letter to the editor regarding operation of the senior center in a negative light was brought to the attention of the town manager with Sharon providing clarification.

### **2. Director's Comments:**

Sharon reported that the S/W for my senior center use is still progressing slowly with the MIS Department reluctant to the tie in with the network. The 2006 MCOA conference is now scheduled to be held in Falmouth in October. Program details will be forthcoming.

### **3. Liaison Reports:**

**Elder Services of Worc./Outreach**—Walter Rice submitted his report of June activities which included a summary of the monthly program statistics. A copy is available at the COA office.

### **4. Old Business:**

The Outreach Coordinator Job description was approved by a unanimous vote of the board. Sharon reported that her proposed "Wellness Expo Event" for the fall festival time was endorsed by the town manager. Sharon noted that she had incorporated some changes into the Tax Work Off material as suggested by Martin—she will provide copies at the next meeting.

### **5. New Business:**

Sharon requested that the board consider a statement of policy for her help in coping with an increasing number of for profit financial organizations offering help to seniors if their financial planning, etc. by using the center for seminars etc. After some discussion the board agreed that a simple statement rejecting such offers would be helpful. Sharon requested that the board consider updates of Web site information.

**6. Other:**

Sharon reported that the Formula grant budget for FY 2007 may be affected by the Governor's veto actions. We may have a new secretary next month -Barbara Bickford-as a worker in the tax work off program.

*Respectfully submitted,  
John Concordia, Secretary*